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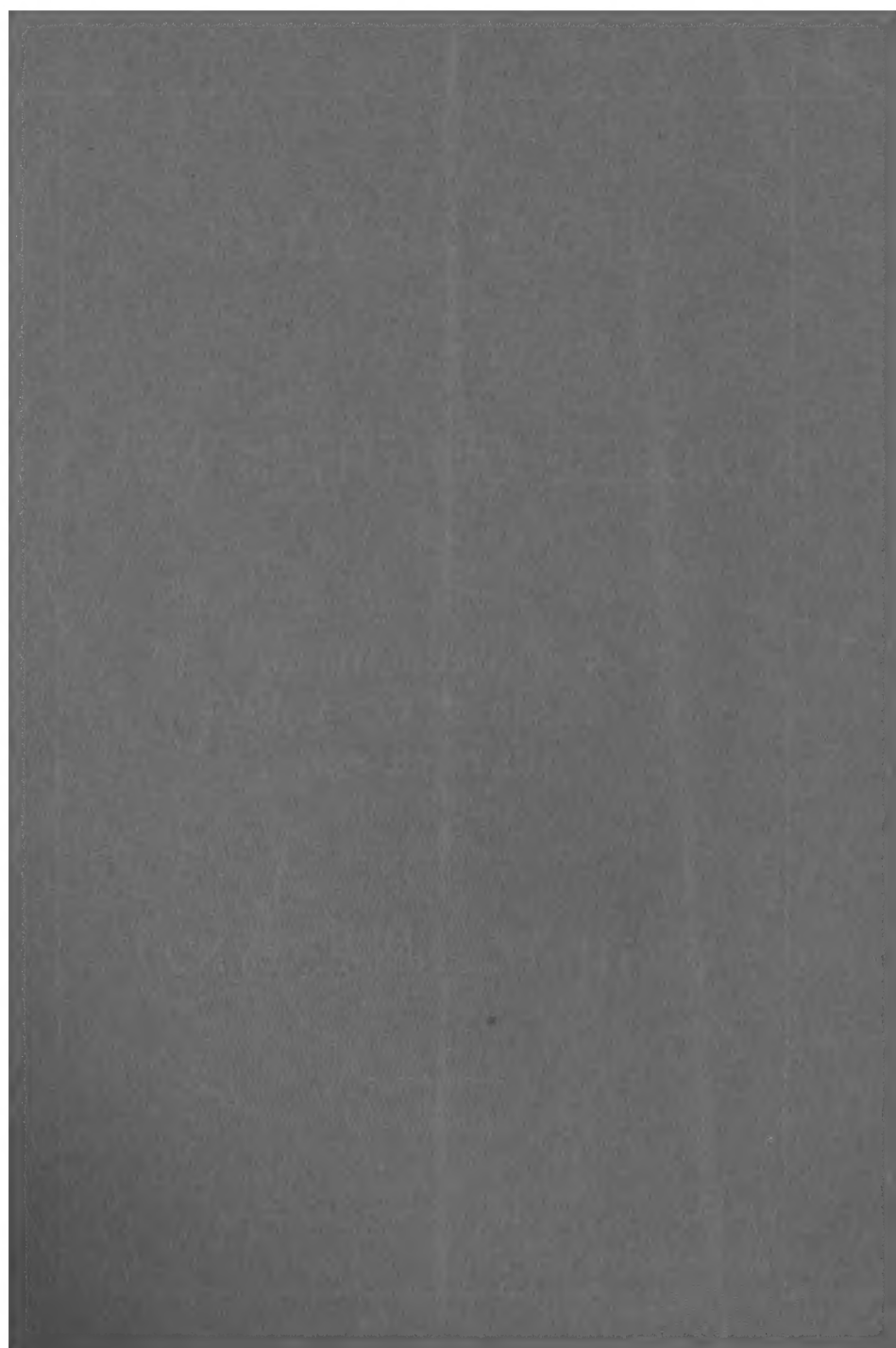
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The Rt. Rev. W. D. Reeve, Acting Bishop, Athabasca Landing

CLERGY.

- THE VEN. MALCOLM SCOTT, Archdeacon, St. Peter's,
Lesser Slave Lake.
" REV. C. R. WEAVER, St. John's, Wapuskaw.
" REV. W. G. WHITE, St. Andrew's, Whitefish Lake.
" REV. A. S. WHITE, St. Luke's, Vermilion.
" REV. M. JOHNSTON, Spirit River.
* " REV. T. E. STREETER, Principal, Indian Home,
" REV. O. J. ROBERTS, St. Paul's, Chipewyan.
" REV. R. HOLMES, Christ Church, Peace River.
" REV. W. H. TRICKETT, Principal, Indian Home,
Lesser Slave Lake.
* " REV. W. S. WILLIAMS (locum tenens), St. Luke's,
Vermilion.

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LAY WORKERS.

THE WIVES OF THE CLERGY.

- *MRS. STREETER, Matron, Indian Home, Lesser Slave
Lake.
MISS BENNET, Matron, Indian Home, Lesser Slave Lake.
" KEMP, Assistant Matron, Indian Home, Lesser Slave
Lake.
" WHITELEY, Lesser Slave Lake.
MRS. C. D. WHITE, Matron, Indian Home, Whitefish Lake.
MISS WHITE, Matron, Irene Training School, Vermilion.
" EDITH WHITE, School Mistress, Irene Training
School, Vermilion.
* " JOHNSTON, Matron, Indian Home, Christ Church.
" MILLEN, School Mistress, Indian Home, Christ
Church.
* " McLEOD, School Mistress, Indian Home, Spirit River.
* " PARROTT, Asst. Matron, Indian Home, Wapuskaw.
" HILL (hon.), Matron, Indian Home, Wapuskaw.
" GARDINER, School Mistress, Indian Home,
Wapuskaw.
" ROBERTS, School Mistress, Chipewyan.
MR. C. D. WHITE, Principal, Indian Home, Whitefish
Lake.
" FISHER, St. Matthew's, Athabasca Landing.
* " McILROY, School Master, Vermilion.
" BROADSTOCK, Wapuskaw.

*Those marked have left the diocese since June 30th.

THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

Reverend Brethren and Brethren of the Laity,—You are all aware, doubtless, that this Synod was due to have been held last year, as three years had elapsed since the holding of the preceding one; but, although I made some effort in that direction, and appointed a time, the project had to be abandoned, as it was the year for my visiting the Mackenzie River Missions; and the result showed that I could not possibly have got back from that northern diocese in time to meet you on the date fixed. It had, therefore, of necessity, to be postponed until this year; and I now express my gratitude to Almighty God for permitting us to meet together at this the first gathering of the kind under my episcopate. Our gathering is not a large one, but with one exception it is the largest which has yet been held in this diocese, and would have been larger still but for the difficulties and expense of travel and other unfavourable circumstances.

Since the last Synod was held in 1903 many changes have taken place which have affected the diocese in a greater or less degree, some to a considerable extent. First and foremost must be mentioned the retirement, followed in less than nineteen months by the home call of the second Bishop of the diocese, Dr. Young, my gifted predecessor, whose achievements during the nearly twenty years of zealous labours in this See, aided as he was by his true "helpmeet," Mrs. Young, have made him so greatly missed and so hard to follow; and whose kindness of heart, genial disposition, and constant readiness to help and advise have kept his memory green throughout the diocese. Almost his last official act was to preside at the Synod held here a few months previous to his retirement, and just after having made, on account of my illness, a long and arduous journey into the farther north to visit the missions and missionaries in Mackenzie River.

Of still greater loss to the Church at large, though not affecting this diocese quite so closely, was that of that "Master in Israel," our late Metropolitan, the Archbishop of Rupert's

Land and Primate of All Canada, who was taken from us in 1904, one so loved, so revered, so respected that his loss at the time seemed irreparable, and has not yet been measured. His was a grand character, the like of which is seldom seen. Our prayers that Archbishop Matheson, his pupil, colleague, and successor, who has been elected Metropolitan in his place, may have all needed grace to walk worthily in his steps, should be very earnest and continuous.

Another grand old man, full of years and honours, has also been called to his reward, our more recent Primate, whom most of you knew by name only, Dr. Bond, Archbishop of Montreal, a man characterized by true Christian manliness, straightforward honesty of purpose, and undaunted energy and courage. Our prayers will also be offered, I am sure, for his successor, Dr. Sweatman, of Toronto, who has been elected to both the offices of Archbishop and Primate.

Still another has departed, one whose name will always be associated with this Great North Land as its Apostolic and pioneer Bishop, Dr. Bompas. The first Bishop of Athabasca, as well as of Mackenzie River and Selkirk, called to his reward after forty years of incessant toil, the description which St. Paul gives of himself might well be applied to him: "Are they ministers of Christ? I am more; in labours more abundant; in journeyings often, in perils of waters; in perils from the Gentiles, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea; in weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. Besides those things which are without, there is that which presseth upon me daily, anxiety for all the churches."

Another loss is that of Mr. Malaher, the devoted and energetic secretary of the Missionary Leaves' Association, who passed away quite unexpectedly in the autumn of 1904.

There is still one more, one of whom it would not become me to speak as fully as I could wish—my sainted wife, who entered into rest so suddenly sixteen months ago. To those who really knew her no words of mine are necessary to say that she was a true "Mother in Israel." For thirty-seven years she shared my missionary labours, and was my never-failing helper, counsellor, and comforter. She never let any thought of self interfere with what she considered her duty and her self-sacrificing devotion to "those of her own household," to the Indians, and to others should be an encouragement and a stimulus to "Go and do likewise."

For all these we thank God, and pray for grace, "so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of His Heavenly Kingdom."

Others have left us, but are still of the "Church militant." Archdeacon Holmes, after many years of trying, but successful labour in this neighbourhood, has been called to the higher office of Bishop, and to the more important charge of the Diocese of Moosonee; the Rev. A. J. Warwick, after fourteen years of appreciated work at Vermilion and Chipewyan, to work amongst the settlers in the Diocese of Rupert's Land; the Rev. H. Robinson, for reasons which are difficult to define; and Messrs. Dakota and Peters as settlers and trappers. Miss Collins has transferred her services to the Diocese of Saskatchewan, and Miss Halpenny, under another name, to the police force. Our worthy Archdeacon also left the diocese for a time, but, feeling the call to return, he unhesitatingly responded to it, and is now actively filling the place of his predecessor. Of the newcomers it is best, perhaps, to say but little, excepting that we heartily welcome them amongst us, and pray that they may be a real help in the work of the Lord, and make full proof of their ministry. The Rev. T. E. Streeter, Principal of the Home here, who was ordained to the Diaconate last year, and who is leaving us in order to prepare for the higher order of the ministry; the Rev. O. J. Roberts, at Chipewyan, who was also ordained Deacon earlier in the year; the Rev. W. S. Williams, from the Diocese of Huron, who has been supplying the place of the Rev. A. S. White at Vermilion; the Rev. C. J. Pritchard, from the Diocese of Saskatchewan, my assistant at Athabasca Landing, and Mr. Fisher, my lay helper. There have been two other ordinations—the Rev. M. Johnston to the priesthood, and Mr. R. Holmes to the Diaconate, the latter by the Archbishop of Rupert's Land at my request. The ladies, too, must not be forgotten, as there are fresh faces among them—Miss Hill, an honorary and most devoted worker at Wapuskow; Miss Gardiner, a certificated teacher at the same place; Miss Cameron, now Mrs. Johnston, who, along with Miss Edgar, has joined the regular army; Miss McLeod, the efficient schoolmistress at Spirit River; Miss Roberts, who is helping her father with the school at Chipewyan; and last, but not least, Miss Clemitson. To them and to those who have been longer in the work a deep debt of gratitude is due from the parents for their devoted and untiring efforts amongst the young. Three new helpers are on the way, all

intended for this place at present: Mr. Trickett, whom I hope to ordain Deacon,* as principal, and Miss Bennet and Miss Kemp as matron and sub-matron of the Home. I am sure our hearty congratulations and best wishes will be given to Miss Johnston, who is about to be married, and whose active services, but not her sympathy, the diocese thus loses; and also to Miss McLeod, who is leaving us for a similar reason, and who, although she has been in the diocese so short a time, has gained the hearts of her young pupils and the respect of all who have known her.

Before proceeding to other matters it may be well to refer briefly to my own position amongst you: It was the idea of the late Bishop that, in order to save the funds of the Church Missionary Society, the Dioceses of Mackenzie River and Athabasca should be worked for a time by one Bishop. So, having obtained my assent to the plan and consent to take the oversight of Athabasca, and, as I had been a missionary in the diocese for more than twenty years, and was still connected with it as Archdeacon, he laid the matter before the committee of the C.M.S. and our late Metropolitan, both of whom approved of the proposal as an immediate relief to the funds, and a temporary arrangement until the Episcopal Endowment Fund could be completed; and I was asked to take charge of the two dioceses. To this I consented on condition that if I found the burden too great I be allowed to resign one of the Sees; and in May, 1904, I took up my residence at Athabasca Landing. I must confess that I have never worked so hard since I have been in the country as during the last three years; and the burden of the two dioceses, increased by the action of the C.M.S. and the M.S.C.C., has been a great strain. I had fully intended to resign Mackenzie River at the end of last year, and retain Athabasca alone, but, as the minimum sum for the Endowment Fund had not been raised, I took the advice of our Archbishop and decided to postpone my resignation for a while longer; so that, whilst still only Bishop of Mackenzie River, I have full powers as the Commissary of the Archbishop of Rupert's Land to administer the Diocese of Athabasca. But I am now about to resign both these offices, having quite recently accepted the position of Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Toronto, the duties of which I expect to take up in September or October.

* He was ordained at St. Matthew's on August 4th.

This seems a suitable place to refer to the Bishopric Endowment Fund. By formal resolution the last Synod acquiesced in Bishop Young's scheme of transforming the Clergy Endowment Fund into a Bishopric Endowment Fund on a certain condition. The fund at that time amounted to \$20,867.85. I am thankful to be able to tell you that the fund will have reached \$40,000 as soon as the societies pay in the grants due from them—the minimum sum required before the income from it can be used as stipend for the Bishop. This large increase has been made by the addition of compound interest, these grants from the S.P.C.K. and the C.B.C., \$3,605.74 from the Woman's Auxiliary, some small amounts, and \$5,000 given me by a friend in England to assure me a salary after I gave up Mackenzie River, and which I have now made over to the fund. This means that as soon as necessary arrangements can be made, a Bishop can be appointed to this diocese. It was a great disappointment that the S.P.G. was unable to join the other two societies in making the usual grant. Had it done so, the minimum sum would have been made up sooner, and Athabasca could earlier have had her own Bishop instead of being dependent upon the C.M.S. for him. Ten thousand dollars is still required to complete the Endowment. Whilst on the matter of funds I may as well state here that the \$1,500 which was put aside for educational purposes (see last Report, p. 14 section 21), a further amount of about \$2,500, which Bishop Young handed over to me for current expenses, and one which I had in hand have been expended, so that at the present moment the Diocesan exchequer is nearly empty, and, as I have already informed you, I cannot guarantee any expense this year beyond salaries and school supplies. The Statement of Account, which I have laid upon the table, will show how the money has been expended. A matter which will require very serious and careful consideration is the Indian school question. The opinion has been growing that the Government, whose wards are the Indians, ought to undertake the whole cost of their education, and thus free the Churches from what is felt to be an excessive burden. The matter is before a select committee, consisting of representatives of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches as well as our own. Consultations with the Government have been held. An Advisory Board has been nominated, and it is hoped that definite action will be taken ere long. Concessions will have to be made undoubtedly; but we must be very careful to safeguard our right regarding religious education.

Some changes will also have to be made with regard to other schools. The parents of the pupils will have to undertake the support of those who are boarders; and, as the new Provincial Government is willing to aid liberally towards paying the salary of teachers in the out-lying districts, there ought to be little or no financial aid required from Mission Funds. In some places doubtless a school district can be formed and worked to advantage.

The help which at one time came to us almost entirely through the Missionary Leaves' Association of England is now being taken up by the Woman's Auxiliary of Canada. How much we owe to both it is impossible for me to say; or how we could now possibly get on without the latter is difficult to imagine. In so many ways it is a real handmaid of the Missionary Society, supplementing its grants, supporting its own missionaries, aiding schools, helping to erect and furnish churches, supplying organs, bells, chancel requisites, etc., cheering the downcast worker by its sympathetic readiness to help, as well as by the letters which come from individual members of the Auxiliary. May our Lord's promised blessing be fully realized by all connected with them, and who have thus "ministered to the saints, and do minister." Although so many bales will not be needed in the future, the help of the Auxiliary in other ways will be still more required, owing to the yearly decrease of the C.M.S. grant, and of the increasing claims upon the M.S.C.C. in the more southern districts.

The formation of the M.S.C.C. has not resulted in as much financial aid being given to this diocese as was hoped for and expected. In 1903, the year of the last Synod, that Society made a grant of \$1,440. For this year it has allotted \$2,400. In 1903 the C.M.S. grant was \$8,300. This year it has put on the estimates \$3,946. So that this year the amount from the two societies will be nearly \$2,000 less than what was received from C.M.S. alone in 1903, and \$3,400 less than from the two together. In other words, the increase from the Canadian Society has not kept pace with the decrease from the English. This will account in some measure for the excess of expenditure over income. It is only fair to add that the Bishop's stipend was included in the C.M.S. grant of 1903. But with that (\$1,750) deducted there is still a shortage of \$1,500, although there has been an increase in the staff of workers. In 1903 there were eight clergy, including the Bishop. This year there are eleven.

The character of the work is rapidly changing, and it will probably change still more rapidly in the future. Within a few years probably the number of white people will exceed that of the natives, and the work will lie more amongst the former than the latter. Self-support ought, therefore, to be kept in view, and steps towards that end ought to be taken at once. At Athabasca Landing a beginning has been made. A weekly offertory has been established; and the people are trying to raise \$250 for this current year, which, I think, they will do. Difficulties will be encountered, no doubt. But when the matter is fairly and wisely put before our people, I feel sure that no right-minded man will shirk his responsibilities.

Amongst other changes which have affected us has been the inclusion of this diocese within the newly-formed Province of Alberta, thus giving us three members to represent us in the Provincial Parliament. It must be our concern to do all we can to secure right legislation with regard to education, the drink question, the rights of the Indians, and the welfare of the settlers. The inrush of settlers to the south of us has been, and still continues, phenomenal. It has not affected us very much as yet, but there are not wanting indications that the rising tide of immigration will overflow into this diocese. The prospect of it is not so immediate, perhaps, as it was before the Grand Trunk Railway decided upon taking the Yellow Head Pass; but there can be no doubt that as soon as the railway approaches the Peace River settlers will crowd in to occupy the fertile lands of that district. Telegraphic communication is to be extended to the Peace River Crossing. A grant of \$35,000 has been made by Government for the improvement of the Lesser Slave River. A steamer is plying on the lake this summer. Another is running on the Athabasca River. The Hudson's Bay Company has put a new propeller on the Peace River. A tramway is to cross Smith Portage. A new and large steamer, belonging to the same company, is to grace the waters of Great Slave Lake and the mighty Mackenzie, and other improvements are likely to be effected. All this shows that the isolation which characterized these northern solitudes in times gone by will soon be a thing of the past; that we will soon be in touch, close touch, with the swelling wave which is sweeping onward to the west and north, part of that mighty force which is so rapidly altering the features of this Great North-West. God grant that your part may be to direct the current into channels which shall be for the elevation of humanity, for the good of our race,

for the glory of God, for the spread of Christ's Kingdom, and for the extension of true religion and virtue. Hitherto the management of the funds as well as of the other affairs of the diocese, has been almost entirely in the hands of the Bishop. Had I been remaining in the diocese, I should have suggested the appointment of a Finance Committee to relieve the Bishop of part of this burden, and, I think, it would be well for you to consider the matter and make some suggestion. Such a committee would have been impossible until recently; but now the Bishop could obtain the assistance of good business men, who, I am sure, would be glad to help him in this way.

Athabasca Landing has become an incorporated village, and, with its telegraph service, weekly mail, bank, and shortly expected railway, still continues to be the most suitable place for the Bishop's headquarters. The opening of a branch of the Imperial Bank has enabled me to have all the diocesan accounts transferred thither, so that now the Bishop can keep himself informed of the state of those finances at any time, instead of having to wait weeks, sometimes months, as was the case formerly. This will be a manifest advantage. Settlers are coming into the neighbourhood, and already monthly services are being held at three or four different centres. At other places, too, improvements have taken place. Two new mission churches have been built—one at Stony Point here by Archdeacon Holmes; the other by the Rev. A. S. White at Stony Point, Vermilion. Both are very neat structures, and, I trust, are meeting a felt want. At the latter place a little house has been purchased, adjoining the church, which will do for a school teacher or missionary, as may be required. The Rev. W. G. White and his brother have put up a new Home at Whitefish Lake, which has been occupied this last winter by nineteen Indian children; and the Rev. M. Johnston has enlarged the house at Spirit River (which belongs, however, to the Presbyterians, not to us), and has opened a school there, which has been well attended and much valued. A piece of land has been surveyed for the Mission.

The unfortunate fire at Wapuskow was a severe blow to the Mission there from the effects of which it has not yet recovered; but through the kind help received from various sources a new Home and parsonage have been erected and other improvements effected which have added greatly to the appearance of the Mission premises. The resignation of Mr.

and Mrs. Weaver, who have borne the burden and heat of the day for so many years, is one which we all regret. Our prayers will accompany them, and also Mr. and Mrs. Streeter, wherever they go.

The labours of the Revision Committee have resulted in a much improved edition of the Cree Bible being published by the British and Foreign Bible Society, and which it should be our endeavour to circulate amongst the natives as much as possible. Where this has been done there has been a marked improvement in Bible reading, and a spirit of enquiry has been aroused, which, by the blessing of God the Holy Ghost, will lead, we trust, to a corresponding improvement in the life. A further need is a new Prayer Book in the syllabics. There is a great shortage of this at the different Missions, and steps should be taken to remedy it.

It seems a pity that more of the married clergy are not subscribers to the Clergy Widow's and Orphans' Fund, and that no action has been taken with regard to the Clergy Superannuation Fund. Both of these concern yourselves and your wives and families so closely that I would commend them to your particular attention.

In addition to what I have already mentioned or referred to there will be other matters to come up for consideration and discussion. One such is this, which, I think, will commend itself to all:—

At the last General Synod, held in Quebec in 1905, it was agreed that the Canadian dioceses should join with all the other dioceses in the world in presenting a thank-offering at the Pan-Anglican Conference, to be held in London, England, next year (1908), each diocese having the option of designating its offering, if so desiring. I would like, therefore, that this diocese make an offering towards the Memorial Church in memory of the late Bishop of the diocese and my dear wife, and that it be presented as thus designated, with the general thank-offering, as before stated.

Steps should be taken to secure from Government, or from any large syndicate or corporation, sites for churches and grants of land for mission purposes; and the Bishop or the Synod should be made a **corporation sole** for the purpose of securing these legally, and thus benefiting the diocese in years to come.

And now, brethren, I must close. But before doing so I must add a word or two about my new appointment. It

will not be without regret that I leave the north, part with friends of long standing, and sever myself from the work in which I have been engaged for so many years. It has not been of my own seeking. On the contrary, it came to me quite unexpectedly. But to my mind the hand of God was in it so clearly that I accepted it in the confident assurance that it is His will, and that He who has called me to it will give me the necessary grace to fulfil its duties. It will be my prayer that God will provide you with a man after His own heart—a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, endued with all needful ability, wisdom, health, and strength, and able to cope with the exigencies of the work, the country, and the times. May God Himself make choice of a fit person to serve Him and His Church in this sacred office. Now, the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to Whom be glory for ever. Amen.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SIXTH SYNOD

**Of the Diocese of Athabasca, held at St. Peter's Mission,
Lesser Slave Lake, Alberta, on July 13th, 1907.**

The Sixth Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca was held at St. Peter's Mission, Lesser Slave Lake, on Saturday, July 13th. There were present the Bishop of the diocese, the Right Rev. W. D. Reeve, the Venerable Archdeacon Scott, and the Revs. C. R. Weaver, W. G. White, M. Johnston, and W. S. Williams, representing their several Missions, viz.: St. Peter's, Lesser Slave Lake; St. John's, Wapuskow; St. Andrew's, Whitefish Lake; the Spirit River Mission, and St. Luke's, Vermilion, each of which was also represented by a lay delegate, viz.: Messrs. Harvey, George, White, Bedson, and Lawrence. The Synod opened at 10 a.m., with Morning Prayer and sermon, and a celebration of the Holy Com-

munion. The preacher was the Ven. Archdeacon Scott, who took for his text Acts 6:4, "We will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the Word." The offertory was devoted to the Missionary Society, and, together with that of the following day (Sunday), amounted to \$32. After lunch, which was prepared and served by the ladies of the Mission, the delegates assembled in the schoolroom, and many subjects of importance were discussed and action decided upon.

On Sunday morning a Cree service was held in church. Seven candidates were presented for Confirmation, two of them being Indians from Wapuskow. After the solemn rite had been administered, they, together with the rest of the congregation, were addressed by the Bishop upon the words, "Thy vows are upon me, O God" (Ps. 56:12), the Rev. M. Johnston interpreting in Cree. English services were held in the afternoon at St. Peter's and St. George's Churches, the preachers being the Revs. W. G. White and W. S. Williams. A devotional gathering, presided over by the Bishop, was held in the evening. The services and other meetings in connection with the Synod were well attended, and were felt to be most edifying and productive of good to all present.

The proceedings of Synod were as follows: The Bishop occupied the chair, and opened the meeting with prayer. The Rev. W. S. Williams was appointed secretary. The names of the delegates were announced. The Bishop then proceeded to give his address, in which, amongst other matters of deep interest, he referred to the changes in the diocese since the last Synod, to his own resignation of the See and transference to the Diocese of Toronto, and to the general diocesan work of the last three years.

The following motions and resolutions were placed before the meeting: (1) Moved by Archdeacon Scott, seconded by the Rev. W. G. White, "That the minutes of the last Synod, as printed, be adopted."—Carried. (2) Moved by the Rev. W. G. White, seconded by Archdeacon Scott, "That a vote of thanks be tendered to the Bishop for his address, and that copies of the address, together with the minutes of this Synod, be printed."—Carried. (3) Moved by Archdeacon Scott, seconded by Mr. C. D. White, "That in view of the urgent necessity of completing the Bishopric Endowment Fund of this diocese—for which purpose the sum of \$10,000 is still required—the Bishop be asked to take steps to secure the above amount, and the S.P.G. be earnestly requested to make a grant equivalent to that of each of the two societies—the

S.P.C.K. and the C.B.C.”—Carried. (4) Moved by Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mr. George, “That—where not already done—special collections be made at the various missions as a thankoffering gift to be presented at the Pan-Anglican Conference next year, and applied to the erection of a Memorial Church—and house if funds allow—at Athabasca Landing in remembrance of the devoted labours of Bishop Young in this diocese, and of Mrs. Reeve in both this diocese and that of Mackenzie River.”—Carried. (5) Moved by the Rev. W. G. White, seconded by Archdeacon Scott, “That the Woman’s Auxiliary of Canada be asked to assist in the support of the Indian Schools of the diocese, pending the expected action of the Government regarding the education of Indian children.”—Carried.

Proposed by the Rev. W. S. Williams, seconded by Mr. Sheridan Lawrence, “That the incumbents of the various parishes make strong representations to settlers that mission funds are not rightly available for the education of their children, and that it is their duty to apply for Government help to establish Government schools, or where this cannot be done to subscribe generously to mission school funds, and so relieve them of all cost in the education of their children.”—Carried. (7) Proposed by the Bishop, seconded by Mr. Harvey, “That the Ven. Archdeacon Scott; the incumbent of St. Matthew’s, Athabasca Landing; and, with their consent, the following residents in Athabasca Landing: Mr. Reid, manager of the Imperial Bank; Mr. McKernan, postmaster; Mr. Walker, manager Revillon Brothers; and another—be appointed an Executive Committee to assist the Bishop in the financial affairs of the diocese.”—Carried. (8) Moved by Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Bedson, “That it be left to the Bishop to appoint delegates to represent this diocese at the Provincial Synod at Regina, and also at the next General Synod.”—Carried. (9) Moved by Mr. S. Lawrence, seconded by Mr. Harvey, “That this Synod strongly endorses the principle of self-support with regard to the Church in this diocese, and in view of the increasing difficulty of the missionary societies to continue their accustomed support of the mission work of the diocese, urges that strong efforts be made to secure greater assistance from the members of the congregations.”—Carried. (10) Moved by the Rev. C. R. Weaver, seconded by Mr. C. D. White, “That the Secretary of the Synod be instructed to make enquiries respecting what has been done in regard to the revision of the Cree Prayer Book,

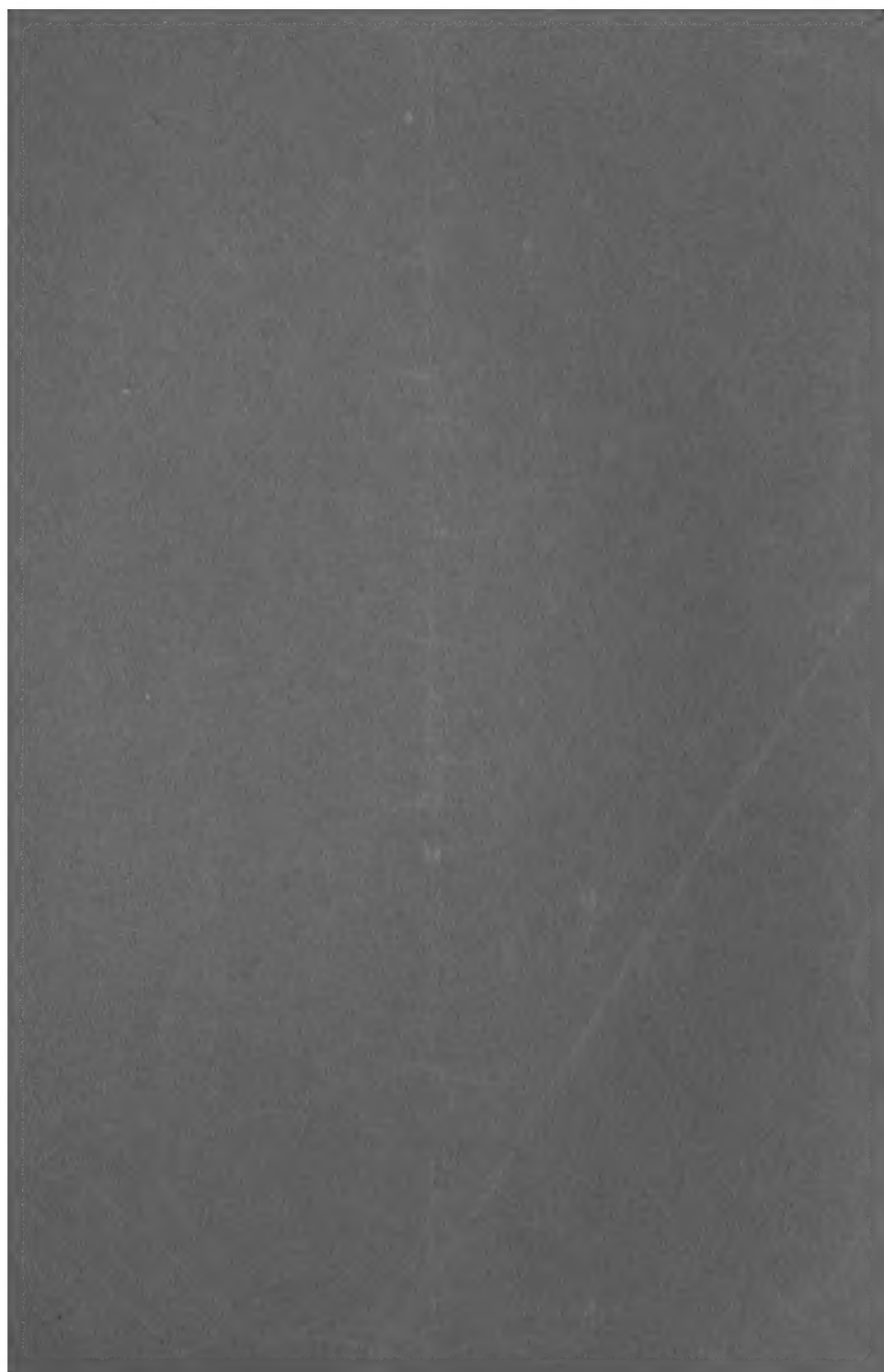
and that the result of his enquiries be reported to the missionaries of the diocese."—Carried. (11) Moved by Mr. George, seconded by the Rev. C. R. Weaver, "That each incumbent prepare a history of his Mission to be presented at the next Diocesan Synod; that accurate statistics of Church work be kept for presentation annually to the M.S.C.C., and also a journal recording the affairs of his Mission and other events of interest in the neighbourhood."—Carried. (12) Moved by Archdeacon Scott, seconded by the Rev. W. G. White, "That the Bishop of the diocese be asked to act as Secretary of the Clergy Widows' and Orphans' Fund and the Clergy Superannuation Fund."—Carried. (13) Moved by Mr. George, seconded by Mr. Harvey, "That this Synod much regrets the decision of the Rev. C. R. Weaver, of St. John's Mission, to leave this diocese, and would urge upon him to reconsider his decision to leave a sphere of work where his efforts are so generally appreciated."—Carried. (14) Moved by Archdeacon Scott, seconded by Mr. S. Lawrence, "That a vote of thanks be tendered to the C.M.S. and M.S.C.C., severally, for the substantial support given by them to the work in this diocese."—Carried. (15) Moved by the Rev. C. R. Weaver, seconded by the Rev. W. G. White, "We, the members of the Synod of Athabasca, give our most sincere thanks to the British and Foreign Bible Society for printing and circulating the Cree Bible, thus feeding the souls of these poor people with the Bread of Life."—Carried. (16) Moved by the Rev. W. G. White, seconded by Mr. C. D. White, "That this Synod tender their hearty thanks to the Missionary Leaves Association for its generous assistance in the support of our missions and schools, and would at the same time express sincere regret at the loss sustained in the sudden home call of the late energetic and indefatigable secretary of that Society, Mr. H. G. Malaher."—Carried. (17) Moved by the Rev. M. Johnston, seconded by Mr. C. D. White, "That this Synod tenders a cordial vote of thanks to the Woman's Auxiliary of Eastern Canada for the valuable assistance rendered in so many ways to this diocese."—Carried. (18) Moved by the Bishop, seconded by the Archdeacon, "That this Synod expresses its grateful thanks to the Hudson's Bay Company for the help given in so many ways to the missions and missionaries in this diocese."—Carried. (19) Moved by Mr. Bedson, seconded by Mr. Harvey, "That a warm vote of thanks be given to the ladies for their kind attention, and for the refreshments pro-

vided.”—Carried. (20) Moved by Archdeacon Scott, seconded by the Rev. W. G. White, “That this Synod desires to place on record its deep appreciation of the services of the Bishop of this diocese, the Right Rev. W. D. Reeve, D.D., during his long and devoted labours in the mission field of this diocese and that of Mackenzie River, and, whilst congratulating him on his deserved appointment to an elevated and responsible post in the Diocese of Toronto, regards with sincere and unfeigned regret his resignation of this See. Its earnest prayer is that his life be long spared, and that the same abundant success in the cause of Christ be with him in his new sphere of labour as has always accompanied him in the mission field of the Canadian North-West. This Synod would also add that in its opinion the presumed promotion of its Bishop is no more than a proper—if somewhat tardy—recognition by the Church in the populous centres of Canada of the merits of those who at the call of duty sacrifice the comforts of civilization for a life of toil and peril in the remotest parts of this great Dominion.”—Carried. The Bishop then briefly reviewed the work of the Synod and closed with the Benediction.

BISHOPRIC ENDOWMENT FUND.

Capital Account as per Treasurer's Statement, April 1, 1907.

Invested	\$27,094 27	
Uninvested	2,391 70	
		\$29,485 97
Held in trust by Bishop Reeve....		5,000 00
Due from the English Societies about		5,400 00
Making, with accrued interest, more than.....		40,000 00



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